

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A piezo-electric speaker comprising a piezo-electric member generating a strain according to an electric signal applied thereto; a piezo-electric vibration plate coupled with and suspending said piezo-electric member and converting the strain to the acoustic vibration; and a sound-board resonating to the acoustic vibration; said piezo-electric member having an area smaller than said piezo-electric vibration plate so that said piezo-electric member is spaced from and out of contact with said sound board; an elastic member supporting the piezo-electric vibration plate on the sound-board for generating a sound from the sound-board transmitted thereto from the piezo-electric vibration plate via the elastic member, said piezo-electric vibration plate supported at its periphery by said elastic member such that said piezo-electric vibration plate is spaced from and out of contact with said sound board, the acoustic vibration caused by the piezo-electric vibration plate being propagated from the sound-board to the ambient air to generate a sound.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 wherein the elastic member is adhered to the whole surface of the piezo-electric vibration plate.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 further comprising a vibration transmitting member having a vibration propagating velocity higher than that of the sound-board for supporting the periphery of the piezo-electric vibration plate; the vibration transmitting member being mounted in an aperture formed in the sound-board.

6. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 1 further comprising a vibration transmitting member having a vibration propagating velocity higher than that of the sound-board for supporting the periphery of the elastic member; the vibration transmitting member being mounted in an aperture formed in the sound-board.

7. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 5 wherein the vibration transmitting member is a circle-annular vibration ring.

8. (Original) A piezo-electric speaker of claim 5 wherein the vibration transmitting member is a plate-shaped vibration board.